

REMARKS

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was created, responsive to Applicants' submission of an Amendment/Response on March 5, 2004. This Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was dated March 9, 2004. However, a copy of this Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was not received by Applicants or Applicants' representatives until the undersigned Applicants' Attorney requested a facsimile transmission thereof after discussions with the Examiner on August 5, 2004. Responsive to this request, a copy of the Notice was sent by facsimile transmission on August 5, 2004. The undersigned Applicants' Attorney then discussed this application by phone with the Legal Instruments Examiner on August 9, 12, and 13, 2004.

Pursuant to discussions with the Legal Instruments Examiner, the "Amendments to the Claims" section, above, has been revised to include the statement "Claims 1 - 15 (canceled)". No other changes have been made to this section, which is otherwise identical to the "Amendments to the Claims" transmitted on March 5, 2004. (It is noted that this statement was not originally presented in the March, 2004 amendment because Claims 1 - 15 were never present in this application. Those claims remain in the parent application from which this Divisional application was created.)

It is the understanding of Applicants' undersigned Attorney that the Amendment/Response dated March 5, 2004 will now be entered. The Examiner is respectfully requested to notify the undersigned if additional information is required.

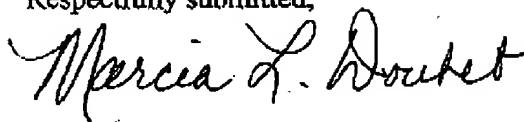
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